

U. S. Immaturity Charged

CIA Scuttled, Says Ex-Official

A former top official of the Central Intelligence Agency claims that continuing press exposure of the agency's activities is "destroying an important part of the nation's ... security."

"The gentlemen of the Fourth Estate might as well be scuttling carriers in the Tonkin Gulf," said Robert Amory Jr., referring to the recent disclosures of CIA financing of private organizations.

Mr. Amory, a former CIA deputy director of intelligence, indicated there were still many private organizations and groups receiving financial aid from the agency. He said that disclosing them could go on and on "like unraveling a sweater."

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He defended the CIA subsidization of the National Student Association and other similar organizations as necessary to counter extensive communist penetration of youth groups around the world.

Mr. Amory, who was interviewed on TV yesterday (NBC — Meet The Press), denied the CIA initiated operations on its own. He said each president since the CIA was established under Harry S. Truman has assigned a top aide to keep tabs on the agency's operations. President Johnson's CIA liaison is Walt W. Rostow, he said.

Mr. Amory said the current flap was "a commentary on the immaturity of our society." England, he said, has had a secret service since the time of the first Queen Elizabeth "and they just don't talk about it."

"If something comes out like this, that is a mistake; everybody shushes up in the interests of their national security," he said.

On another TV program, ABC

— Issues and Answers) Michael Wood, former NSA fund raiser and the one who initially exposed the CIA, asserted that the CIA had tried to intimidate an NSA official by threatening to forge psychiatric records and place them in the government to discredit his employment opportunities.

Mr. Wood declined to reveal the source of his information and the other two panelists on the program, Eugene Groves, President of NSA, and Richard

Stearns, NSA's International Vice President, denied knowledge of any such case.

Former GOP presidential candidate Barry M. Goldwater (CBS — Face The Nation) accused the CIA of financing "socialism in America" by subsidizing education and labor organizations for international conferences. He said he was disturbed because "all this money went to left-wing organizations" while conservative groups were left out. (UPI)

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